

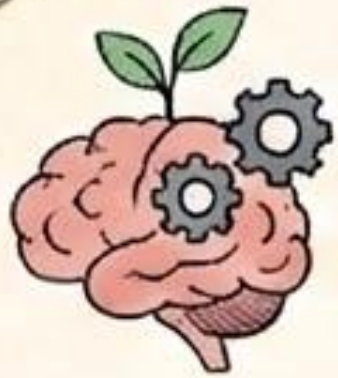
HBT Parent orientation March 10, 2026



PATIENCE • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • DIGNITY • EMPATHY



Tonight's agenda



Middle School Philosophy

Understanding the core principles and goals.



Guidance and Support Services

Resources for academic and emotional well-being.



Features of HBT

Exploring our unique facilities and programs.



6th Grade Program

Curriculum, activities, and expectations.



Looking Ahead to 7th and 8th Grade

Preparing for the future years at HBT.



Keeping Up With HBT

Stay informed through various channels.



Building Tours

Guided exploration of the school campus.

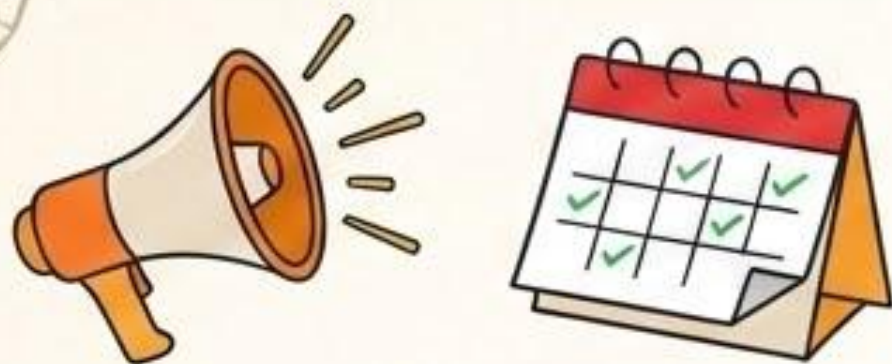


Join the HBT PTSA!

www.hbtptsa.org | @hbtptsa



WHY JOIN THE HBT PTSA?



- Monthly principal updates with Q&A
- Your vote counts
- Access to directory spot (find new friends)
- Run a committee
- Weekly email blasts & reminders
- Be involved, make a difference

(Reminder to all South Grove families: contact membership@hbtptsa.org for directory)



FAITHFUL • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • DIGNITY • DIVERSITY

WHAT DOES THE HBT PTSA DO?



- Holds events each year
- Funds Arts in Education
- Works with administration to improve HBT
- Committees: Bookfair, Holiday Boutique, Arts in Ed, 8th Grade, Staff Recognition
- Requires amazing volunteers like you!

HOW TO JOIN THE HBT PTSA?



SCAN TO JOIN

CLICK HERE:
<https://hbt.memberhub.com/store>

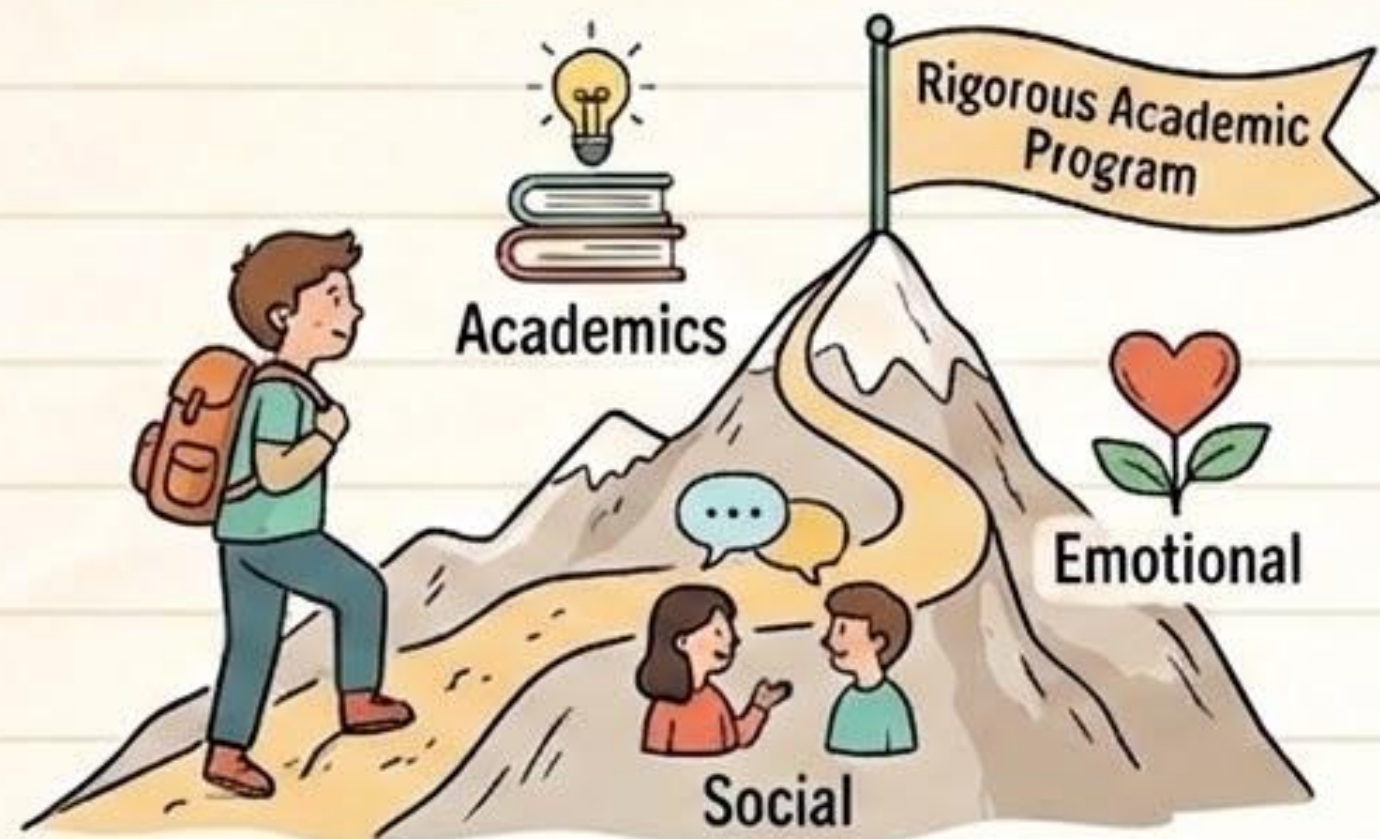


Easy like elementary schools!
Scan QR code or click the link
EARLY BIRD FAMILY DISCOUNT – STARTING JULY 1



HBT's Philosophy

**OUR GOAL:
HOLISTIC GROWTH & RIGOR**



Challenge students to grow academically, socially, and emotionally while still providing a rigorous academic program.

**OUR ADVISORY PROGRAM:
CONNECTION & SUPPORT**



Small group, multi-grade, same teacher for three years. Daily check-ins & Extended Advisory. Provides another adult to connect to here at HBT.

Did you Know?



Currently, our 6th grade class next year will have 294 students.



Students are teamed and assigned to four teachers who share responsibility for teaching Math/Sci/ELA/SS/skills.



Students are assigned to teams by computer.



Homework used for reinforcement and practice. Peer tutoring available.



Testing Calendars utilized to help organize students.



Supplies will be available to order for shipment. Lists will be provided soon.

POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FOR A SIXTH GRADER

RED DAYS



1. Math (Team)
2. Skills (Team)
3. ELA (Team)
4. Music (Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Music)
5. Lunch
6. Physical Education
0. Advisory***
7. Science (Team)
8. Social Studies (Team)
9. Explorations/Labs/Support

WHITE DAYS



1. Math (Team)
2. ELA (Team)
3. ELA (Team)
4. World Language (Chinese, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish)
5. Lunch
6. Explorations/Labs/Support
0. Advisory***
7. Science (Team)
8. Social Studies (Team)
9. Computers

Grade 6 Program

Off-Team Classes and Support



World Language (Alt)



Physical Education (Alt)



Music (Alt)



Computers 6 (Alt)



Explorations (Health, Art,
FCS, Technology)



Instructional Support



Math and Reading Lab



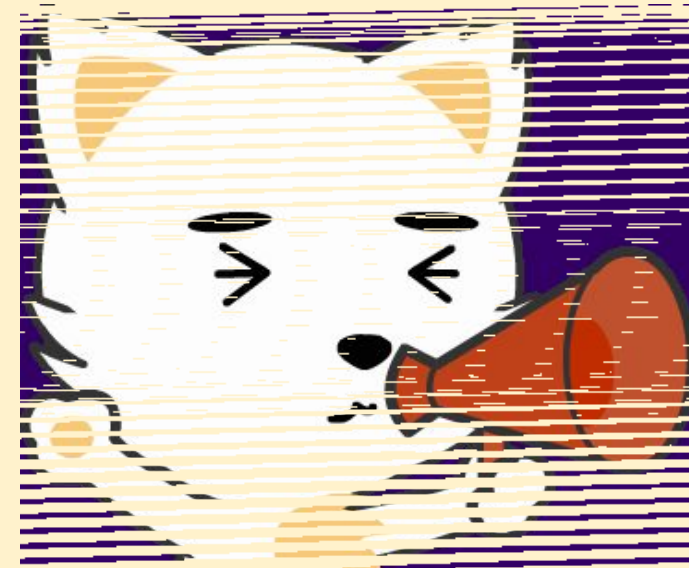
Project Beyond



ENL Services

[Middle School Curriculum Guide](#)

Let's See What Our Students Have to Say



Introducing Nehemiah Koleth with our Social Worker, Ms.Chan & Ms. Faust, Guidance Counselor



Introducing Aliyah Lee

with 6th Grade Math Teacher, Ms. Appel



$$2x^2 - 15x = 100$$

$$(a+b)^2 = 2(ab)$$

$$c = \sqrt{b^2 + b^2}$$

$$x(x+6) = \frac{2}{15}$$

$$\frac{1a}{a} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$2 = \frac{4}{6}$$

$$a = x^2 + y^2$$

$$a. (+n) b = 2\sqrt{n}$$

Introducing Casey Schlow with our Cafeteria Staff



Introducing Zoey Poon with Mr. Murray & Ms. Peterson Mural Club Advisors



Guidance and Support Services

COUNSELING & MTSS



Four Guidance Counselors, a Social Worker and two School Psychologists



Group Counseling (friends, changing families, & more)



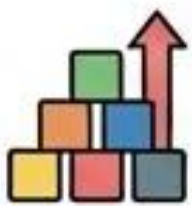
Individual Counseling



Parent/Team Meetings



Support Team



MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support Systems)

SPECIALIZED SUPPORT & TRANSITION



Special Education Services, including co-teaching, general studies, RISE program, instructional support, Resource Room and related services



High School 8-9 Transition Programs

What to DO at Lunch?

All 6th Graders eat during period 5. Approximately 11:00.

LUNCH OPTIONS



Students can get the free lunch or bring lunch. Snacks are available in the snack shop.

ACCOUNT SETUP



Accounts can be set up through:

www.myschoolbucks.com

ACTIVITIES & SUPERVISION



Students can go to the library, the "Nook" or workshop. Recess is encouraged as well.



Cafeteria is supervised by teachers and lunch monitors.

We Talk About What Matters



We believe in Dignity for All (**DASA**)

We are a “**No Place for Hate**” School



Community Expectations Assemblies



We teach students to **respect** differences



Multiple clubs help us foster a **kind** and **caring** environment



Extensions of Classroom

THEMED WEEKS & EVENTS



Spirit Week



Multicultural Week



Wellness Week

ENRICHMENT & ACTIVITIES



PTSA Curriculum Enrichment/Cultural Awareness



Clubs



Academic Competitions



Field trips- Adventureland, DNA Lab

ACADEMIC SUPPORT



Weekly extra help provided by teachers

GRADE 7 FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

CORE SUBJECTS & TEAMS



Three Teams of teachers (SS, English, Math, Science)



Daily World Language

EXPLORATIONS & SPECIALS



Health 7 & FCS 7



Explorations- Tech, Art, Personal Finance

LUNCH & ACTIVITIES



Lunchtime workshop available



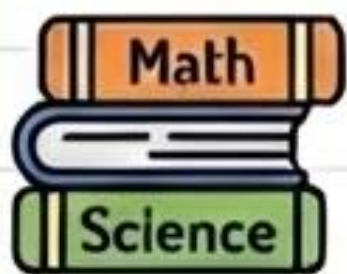
Interscholastic Sports Begin

GRADE 8 FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS

CORE SUBJECTS & TEAMS



Three Teams of teachers (SS, English, Math, Science)



Choices for Mathematics and Science:
Math 8/Algebra,
Science 8/Earth and Space Science

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT & EXAMS



Regents Exams and High School weighted credit for Algebra and Earth and Space Science



Checkpoint A Exam in World Language for High School Credit

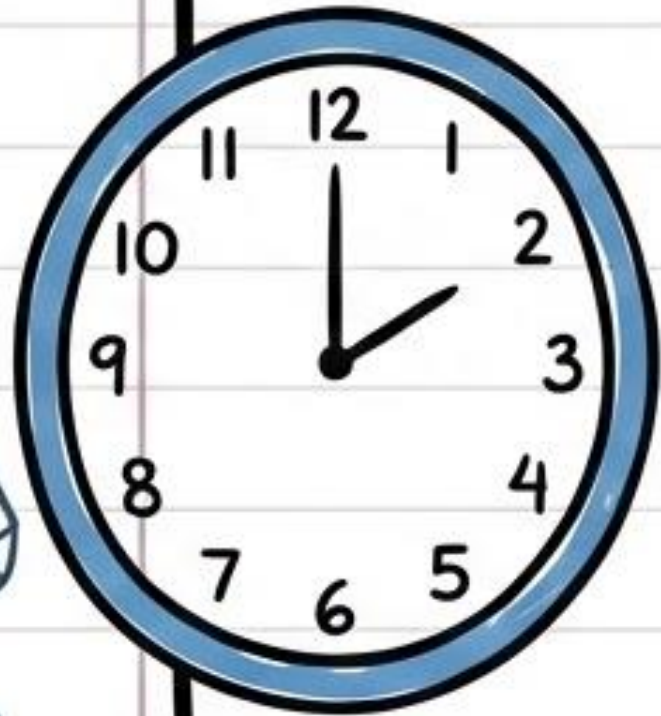
ELECTIVE CHOICES



21st Century CTE/Intro. to Research

COMING AND GOING AT HBT

SCHOOL HOURS



- **School Begins:**
8:03 AM
- **School Ends:**
2:50 PM
- **Building Opens:**
7:00 AM (Cafeteria
access before extra
help/clubs)
- **Late Buses:** 3:45 PM

TRANSPORTATION & RULES



BUSES: Back of the building
CAR PICK UP/DROP OFF: Front
circle

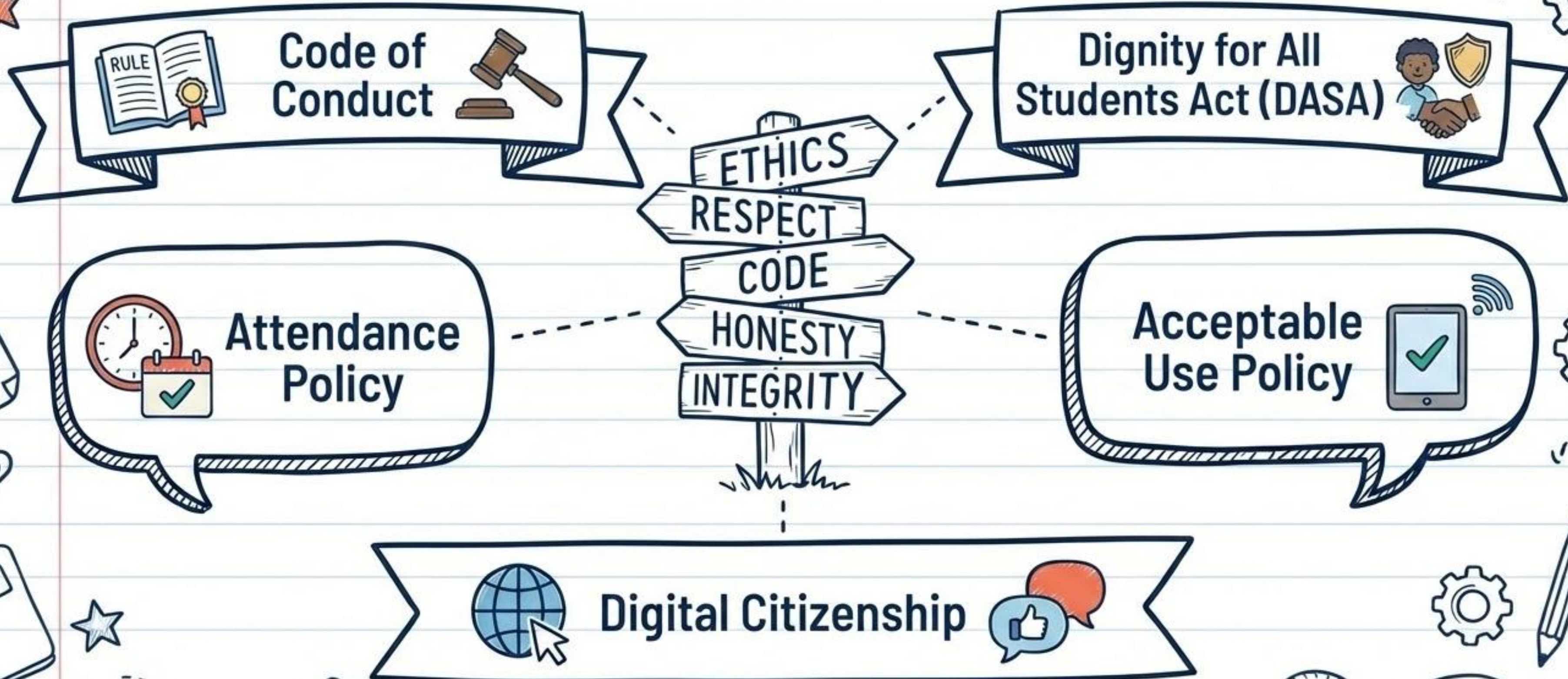


Buses are on time and reliable
Students are able to walk to and
from school



IMPORTANT POLICY:
Students may only stay after
school for SUPERVISED
activities.

SCHOOL POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS



HBT CELL PHONE POLICY

 NYS "Distraction-Free Schools" Legislation

Middle School Rule:
Off & In Lockers
(Arrival - 2:50 p.m.) 

 Parent Contact:
Call Main Office
(516-364-5760)

Violation Policy: 
Supportive &
Educational Approach



Digital Citizenship



How Can you Keep In Touch with HBT?

H.B. Thompson Leadership Team:

Important Phone Numbers:



Principal - Kevin Bonanno



Main Office: (516)364-5760

Assistant Principal - Christian Harrigan



Guidance Office: (516)364-5767

Assistant Principal - Joanna(Joey) Waters



Attendance Office: (516)364-5771

Assistant Principal - Paul Naraine



Nurse's Office: (516)364-5765

How Can you Follow and keep In Touch with HBT?

Website



Find calendars, photos, stories and important information about HBT.

Parent Portal



Infinite Campus Portal:
Find attendance, report cards, grades here.

Google Classroom



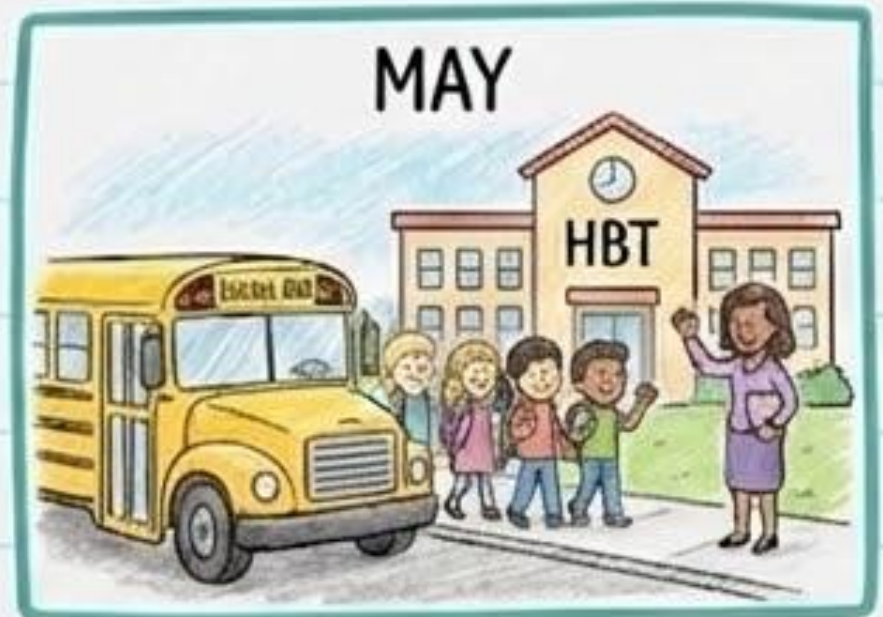
Google Classroom is used by teachers for homework and assignment completion.

Parent Square



HBT sends Parent Square updates about the happenings at HBT as well as important reminders.

COMING SOON



MAY
5th Grade students begin visits to HBT



MAY
Articulations between MS and Elementary Staffs



JUNE
Verifications posted to the Parent Portal



AUGUST
Optional 6th Grade Orientation - date TBD



BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS
Schedules posted prior to the first day of school